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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of Yoshihiro KATSUMATA and Hideya KINOSHITA
INK WASTAGE ABSORBER AND INK SUPPORTER
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q66820

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/630,716 filed August 2, 2000 of Yoshihiro KATSUMATA and Hideya KINOSHITA entitled INK WASTAGE ABSORBER AND INK SUPPORTER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing the references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1711.

Priority is claimed from August 3, 1999, and August 3, 1999, based on Japanese Application Nos. JP 11-219465, and JP 11-219466, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/630,716.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	46	-	20	=	26	X	$18.00	=	$468.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	$84.00	=	$ 0.00
Base Fee									$740.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									$280.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									**$1,488.00**

A check for the statutory fee of $1,488.00 is attached.

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You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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